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1. Two jet fighters with fuselage step made night flights at the Larchim (M 54/T 74) airfield in the night of 20 April 1950. \*
2. The ground plan of the airfield was copied from the Larchim land-register. The field covered about 3,473,000 square meters.
3. The following three aircraft types were stationed at the field on 12 May 1950. \*\*
  - a. Fighter: radial engine, radiator under mid-engine, low-wing monoplane, slightly dihedral, elevator of the same shape as wings, landing gear retracting inward, painted green-gray, no markings except for Soviet star.
  - b. Two-seat turbo jet trainer; air intake about 50 cm in diameter, air exhaust under mid-fuselage slightly smaller, covered with red flaps when not in use; low-wing monoplane, slim wings slight dihedral, nose wheel smaller than wheels of main landing gear, retracting rearward, cabin with five panes of which the second and fourth can be pushed out in case of emergency; painted pale blue-gray, one plane with                      than
  - c. Swept-back jet fighter: air exhaust smaller/air intake covered with red flaps when unused, main landing gear retracting inward, nose wheel retracting rearward, fuselage about 1½ meters in diameter at most, aluminum colored; parked planes covered with earth-brown tarpaulins.
4. It was noticed that the jet planes used a runway strip about 1,000 meters long for taking off and about 1,500 meters long for landing. Special lamps were laid out along the runway for night flying. There were no boundary lighting facilities.

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6. The weather was fair. Single-engine low-wing mono-planes made night flights. Two searchlights were in operation but no other lighting facilities were observed at the field.

25X1 \*   Comment. Night flying with type 16 jet planes are reported for the first time. They have not been observed at other airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

25X1 \*\*   Comment. The planes are LA-9s, jet planes of types 14 and 16. About 30 jet planes and about 50 conventional fighters have been reported to be stationed at the field which is occupied by one fighter regiment.

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